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Atty. File 98A9-US Croughan

For: Herbicide Resistant Rice

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please amend this application as follows:

The Annexes

Please enter each of the annexes to the 05 February 2001 International Preliminary Search Report, a copy of which is enclosed.

After entry of the annexes, please further amend the application as follows: